1 Russell R. Arens [CSB No. 137112] Richard E. Nusbaum [CSB No. 164723] 2 LAW OFFICES OF RUSSELL R. ARENS 3020 Old Ranch Parkway, Suite 300 3 Seal Beach, California 90740 Telephone: (562) 366-5200 Facsimile: (562) 430-2204 5 Attorneys for Defendant ALTITUDE FRANCHISING, LLC 6 7 8 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA 9 COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, HALL OF JUSTICE 10 11 NICOLE TRAKIMAS, an individual, Case No.: 37-2018-00020819-CU-PO-CTL [Assigned for all purposes to the Hon. 12 Plaintiff, Timothy B. Taylor, Dept. C72] 13 ANSWER OF ALTITUDE VS. 14 FRANCHISING, LLC TO FIRST ALTITUDE FRANCHISING, LLC, et al., AMENDED COMPLAINT OF PLAINTIFF 15 NICOLE TRAKIMAS **Defendants** 16 Complaint Filed: 4/26/18 17 Trial Date: None 18 TO ALL PARTIES AND TO THEIR ATTORNEYS OF RECORD: 19 COMES NOW, Defendant, ALTITUDE FRANCHISING, LLC, and answering the First 20 Amended Complaint of Plaintiff NICOLE TRAKIMAS on file herein for itself alone admits, 21 denies, and alleges as follows: 22 Under the provisions of section 431.30 of the California Code of Civil Procedure, this 23 answering Defendant denies each and every allegation in the Complaint and denies that Plaintiff 24 has suffered damage in the sum or sums alleged or in any other sum or sums, or at all. 25 Further answering the Complaint and the whole thereof, this answering Defendant denies 26 that Plaintiff has sustained any injuries, damage or loss, if any, by reason of any act or omission 27 on the part of this answering Defendant. 28

ANSWER OF ALTITUDE FRANCHISING, LLC TO FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT OF PLAINTIFF NICOLE TRAKIMAS

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FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(FAILURE TO STATE CAUSE OF ACTION)

Plaintiff's complaint fails to state a cause of action against this answering Defendant.

SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(COMPARATIVE NEGLIGENCE)

Plaintiff was negligent in and about the events which precipitated the incident alleged in the Complaint. Said carelessness and negligence on Plaintiff's own part proximately contributed to the happening of the incident and to the injuries, loss and damages complained thereof, if there were any. Accordingly, Plaintiff's right to recover damages is correspondingly reduced.

THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(ASSUMPTION OF THE RISK)

Any risk or hazard that existed at the time and place of the alleged incident was assumed by Plaintiff.

FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(FAILURE TO EXERCISE DUE CARE)

There is no liability as the danger, if any, which existed at the time and place mentioned in the Complaint, was a danger that would have been reasonably apparent to, and would have been anticipated by, a person exercising due care.

FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(FAILURE TO MITIGATE)

Plaintiff has failed to mitigate the damages alleged in the Complaint and thus, any recovery should be reduced accordingly.

SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(UNREASONABLE, UNNECESSARY MEDICAL CARE)

That the medical care and treatment provided to Plaintiff, and the resulting costs thereof were both unreasonable and unnecessary under the circumstances and illegal under the facts and circumstances prevailing.

SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

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The injuries alleged to have been sustained by Plaintiff were not as a result of the incident and not caused by personnel of this answering Defendant.

(NO INJURIES)

EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(NEGLIGENCE AS TO OTHERS)

Others were negligent in and about the events which precipitated the incident alleged in the Complaint. Said carelessness and negligence on the part of others proximately contributed to the happening of the incident and to the injuries, loss and damages complained thereof, if there were any. Accordingly, Plaintiffs' right to recover damages this answering Defendant is correspondingly reduced.

NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(LACK OF DANGEROUS CONDITION)

There is no liability as no dangerous condition exists or existed at the time and place mentioned in the Complaint, and any such perceived danger would have been reasonably apparent to, and would have been anticipated by, a person exercising due care, and as such, Plaintiff's right to any recovery on this basis is precluded.

TENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(WAIVER)

The injuries alleged to have been sustained by Plaintiff are unrecoverable and precluded based upon an intentional and knowing waiver signed by Plaintiff prior to entering into the premises. Such a knowing and express waiver precludes Plaintiff from any recovery as to this answering Defendant.

ELEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(LACK OF DESIGN DEFECT)

There is no liability as no defect in design exists or existed at the time and place mentioned in the Complaint in the alleged product, and specifically, no defect in design exists or existed with the pit, as no ASTM standards for trampoline parks are applicable for the particular

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1	product alleged to be defective. As such, Plaintiff's right to any recovery on this basis is		
2	precluded.		
3	TWELFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE		
4	(LACK OF MANUFACTURING DEFECT)		
5	There is no liability as no defect in manufacturing exists or existed at the time and place		
6	mentioned in the Complaint in the product alleged, as the product, specifically, the pit, was		
7	manufactured as designed. As such, Plaintiff's right to any recovery on this basis is precluded.		
8	THIRTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE		
9	(INTENTIONAL MISREPRESENTATION - LACK OF SPECIFICITY)		
10	The complaint lacks the specificity required as to the alleged representations made to		
11	Plaintiff. As such, Plaintiff's right to any recovery on this basis is precluded.		
12	FOURTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE		
13	(INTENTIONAL MISREPRESENTATION - LACK OF INTENT)		
14	The complaint is ambiguous as to lacks the requisite allegations that Defendant made any		
15	representations directly and intentionally to Plaintiff. As such, Plaintiff's right to any recovery or		
16	this basis is precluded.		
17	FIFTHTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE		
18	(CONCEALMENT - LACK OF INTENT)		
19	The complaint is ambiguous as to lacks the requisite allegations that Defendant withheld		
20	any material facts purposefully from Plaintiff. As such, Plaintiff's right to any recovery on this		
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SIXTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(OTHER AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES MAY EXIST)

This answering Defendant presently lacks sufficient knowledge whether there may be addition unstated affirmative defenses available to it in this action. Discovery and investigation are ongoing. This answering Defendant therefore reserves the right to state additional affirmative defenses at any time prior to trial.

WHEREFORE, this answering Defendant prays as follows:

- (1) That Plaintiff takes nothing by the Complaint on file herein;
- (2) That Defendant have judgment for its costs of suit incurred herein; and
- (3) For such other further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

DATED: March 7, 2019

LAW OFFICES OF RUSSELL R. ARENS

BY:

RUSSELL R. ARENS RICHARD E. NUSBAUM Counsel for Defendant

ALTITUDE FRANCHISING, LLC

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3	STATE OF CALIFORNIA)		
4	COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO)		
5	I am employed in the County of Orange, State of California, I am over the age of 18 year and not a party to the within action; my business address is 3020 Old Ranch Parkway, Suite 30 Seal Beach, California 90740.		
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8	On March 7, 2019, I served the foregoing document described as: ANSWER OF ALTITUDE FRANCHISING, LLC TO FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT OF		
9	PLAINTIFF NICOLE TRAKIMAS. This document was served on the interested party or parties in this action by placing a true copy thereof in sealed envelopes, and addressed as noted		
10	on the attached mailing list.		
11	[X] BY MAIL: I am familiar with our firm's practice of collection and processing		
12	correspondence for mailing. Under that practice it is deposited with the U.S. Postal Service on that same day with postage thereon fully prepaid at Eagle River, Alaska in the ordinary course of business. I am aware that on motion of the party served, service is presumed invalid if the postage cancellation date or postage meter date is more than one working day after the date of deposit for		
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14	mailing in this declaration.		
15	[] VIA FACSIMILE: I caused all of the pages of the above entitled document to be sent to		
16	the recipients noted above via electronic transfer (FAX) at the facsimile number as noted in the attached mailing list. This document was transmitted by facsimile and transmission reported		
17	complete without error.		
18	[] BY PERSONAL DELIVERY: I delivered such envelope by hand to the offices of the		
19	addressees noted in the attached mailing list.		
20	I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the above		
21	is true and correct. I further declare that I am employed in the office of a member of the bar of this court at whose direction the service was made.		
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23	Executed on March 7, 2019, at Eagle River, Alaska.		
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